

DARIEN HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

DARIEN, CONNECTICUT

Minutes of October 14, 2004 Meeting

Peter Maglathlin, chairman, convened the meeting of the High School Building Committee at 8:03p.m. in Room 206 of the Town Hall.

Members present:

Dave Campbell	Peter Maglathlin
Jim Plutte	Jerry Nielsen
Sally Bosha	Sal Mazzeo
Jenny Streeter	

Guest List:

Don Fital	Adele Conniff
John Ryan	Paul Engemann
George Graikoski	

The meeting's agenda was adopted unanimously.

The minutes of the September 9 and 23 meetings were approved unanimously.

Construction Committee Report

George Graikoski distributed Monthly Progress Report #20, detailing the costs of construction and the current status of the job. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes in the Town Clerk's office. Although the contingency fund is getting low, Mr. Graikoski believed that potential change orders are manageable and we will be able to stay within budget. The project remains on schedule for a May 2005 completion date and a September 2005 opening.

The committee unanimously approved the following change orders:
Guerrera Construction Company

- Provide additional plantings along the south side of Building B
\$1,725

La Rosa Building Group

- Delete Door A102BA, change frame elevation at Doors B115A and B317B, delete opening B212A and Change the swing to Door B314A
\$1,077
- Provide removable closure panels in various Science Rooms throughout Building C, approximately 143 locations
\$12,171

Semac Electrical Contractors

- Provide additional electrical work to install the wall sconces on the north elevation of Building D
\$5,479
- Relocate the sinks at the Teacher's work station in the Science classrooms, electrical work had to be relocated to accommodate the sinks
\$8,580

- Power wire the temporary heating units throughout the building during the winter of 2003/2004 \$5,422.15

Paul Engemann said that the new football field, which is scheduled to be ready by October 30, would probably be ready a week earlier. The track has been paved, but the final surfacing will not be done until spring because it needs to be put down in warmer temperatures. Work on fencing and the visitor-side bleacher will begin next week. The committee stated its strong preference for waiting until next year to use the new field, primarily because of liability concerns related to the unfinished construction of the school building adjacent to the field. The committee was also concerned about potential poor workmanship associated with rushing a job to early completion unnecessarily. The committee's position will be communicated to the Board of Education.

The new baseball field is draining poorly as a result of a design problem that placed a drainage pipe too low in the holding pond. There needs to be an analysis done so that repairs can be made.

Design Development Committee

Upon motion made by Dave Campbell and seconded by Sal Mazzeo, the committee unanimously approved a motion to adopt the furniture budget of \$1,766,012. This modified the amount approved at the September 24 meeting, and includes furniture for the greenhouse.

A list of items that the school administration would like to see included in the technology budget was added to the budget that the committee approved. The purpose of adding these items is to qualify for proportional state reimbursement if the additional monies can be found to purchase the items. Unless the items are on the submitted list, they would not be eligible for reimbursement. The committee's budgeted amount is \$713,834; the number with the administration's wish list is \$2,235,134.

The furniture and technology requests will be submitted to the SFU on October 20.

At a meeting to discuss plans for demolition of the existing school, it was stated that the current schedule does not call for the loop in front of the school to be completed in time for the start of school in September 2005. Work is being done on devising alternative traffic patterns until the loop is completed. Paul Engemann said that the demolition will start with the gym and work from areas closest to the new facility to those farthest away. The existing auditorium will be the last to be demolished, and will probably still be standing when school starts.

Finance Committee – None.

Chairman's Report

Peter Maglathlin said that he is negotiating with the architects regarding errors and omissions in an attempt to get some money back. It is the committee's position that the errors and omissions far exceed what would be considered normal for this project. Peter stated that, in a previous discussion, the architects agreed that they would make no further charges for services without prior approval from the committee. However, the architects have continued to do that very thing. It is the committee's position that such bills are inappropriate.

John Ryan discussed the incorrect siting of a flagpole at the west side of the building near the bus drop-off. He said that the building couldn't support the pole. He suggested that the pole position be moved to the front of the building by the main entrance, where there was a spot drawn for it from the beginning. The committee concurred.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2004, at 8:00p.m. in Room 206 of the Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Plutte
Secretary

Approved: December 21, 2004